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AMENDMENT AND RESTRICTION RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 17, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, the Group where R¹ is a phenyl group and R² and R³ are each a pyridyl group. This group includes Claims 1-5, 7-17 & 21-23.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Support for Amendments begins on page 14 of this paper.

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